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Statement from DWR Director Lester Snow on the Final Decision by
Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch
in Watershed Enforcers v. DWR

SACRAMENTO -- We are disappointed that the Alameda court has denied our request for a hearing to present additional information on the Department's actions to address methods of compliance with the state's endangered species act. Instead, the 60-day clock starts ticking on what would be a devastating blow to the state's water system if the State Water Project's Delta pumps are stopped.

We intend to appeal the decision, but at the same time have also applied for a consistency determination with the Department of Fish and Game that we hope will be granted in early May. A determination that the State Water Project's operations under the federal fish opinions is consistent with state law will address the court's finding and allow us to move forward with the important work of developing a long term conservation, protection and recovery plan for the delta and keep water moving throughout the state.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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